GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Expenditure on Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure on education by the Government during the last five years split over primary, secondary, and tertiary sectors;
(b) the said expenditure as a percentage of GDP over the said period;
(c) whether the Government plans to spend 6% of the GDP on education as recommended by Kothari commission report; and
(d) if so, details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) & (b): The Government Expenditure on Education on Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Sectors and as a percentage of GDP is as under:
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Sector Sector-wise Government Expenditure on Education (Rs. In crore) and its percentage of GDP
2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 (RE) 2013-14 (BE)
Exp. % Exp. % Exp. % Exp. % Exp. %
1. Elementary
Education
98867.21 1.62 123550.81 1.7 149164.77 1.78 184650.63 1.97 207428.63 1.98
2. Secondary
Education
60359.94 0.99 71358.36 .98 85572.91 1.02 102907.40 1.1 115669.26 1.1
3. Adult
Education
765.84 0.01 832.38 .01 930.71 .01 1084.26 .01 1324.07 .01
4 University &
Higher
Education
46633.25 0.76 62654.18 .86 53900.98 .64 60043.91 .64 71139.02 0.68
5. Technical
Education
34629.78 0.57 35082.52 .48 44361.01 .53 59735.50 .64 69581.83 .66
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(c)& (d):Kothari Commission (1964-66) had recommended that 6 per cent of GDP should be spent on education. The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, had laid down that investment on education be gradually increased to reach a level of 6% of National Income as early as possible. Allocation of funds for education is made by the Government keeping in view inter-se priority of other sector of the economy. During XII Five Year Plan, the Plan Outlay of Ministry of Human Resource Development is Rs.4,53,728 crore (Rs.3,43,028 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs.1,10,700 crore for the Department of Higher Education) as compared to actual expenditure in XI Five year Plan which was Rs.1,77,549.76 crore (Rs.1,37,902.94 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs.39,646.82 crore for the Department of Higher Education). This is an increase of about 2.56 times. This increase in Central Plan Outlay for Education Sector presents a determined effort on the part of Central Government for raising public spending on Education.
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